

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

17/631 8

In re applications of:

Karen L. Fincher et al.

Appln. No.: 09/732,627

Filed: 12/08/2000

For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules

Associated With Plants

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: CLOW, Lori A.

Atty. Docket: 38-21(51770)B

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that this "Appellant's Brief", is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

on March 31, 2003

(Printed name of person signing this certificate)

e Williams

(Signature)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application No.: 09/732,627

Filed: 12/08/2000

For: Nucliec Acid Molecules Inventors: Karen L. Fincher, et al.

Atty. Docket: 16517.001/38-21(51770)B

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) are the following documents:

- 1. Appellant's Brief (in triplicate);
- 2. Certificate of mailing for Appellant's Brief; and
- 3. (1) Return receipt-postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of fling of these documents, and that it be returned to us.

Please charge the statutory fee of \$320.00 for filing of Appellant's Brief to our deposit account 13-4125. A duplicate copy of this page is attached.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicant's do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-4125, referencing matter number 38-21(51770)B.

Commissioner for Patents Appln.No. 09/732,627 March 28, 2003 Page 2 of 2

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 28, 2003

Pamela J. Sisson Reg. No. 53, 600

Patent Department, E2NA Monsanto Company 800 N. Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, Mo. 63167

Tel: 314-694-6343 FAX: 314-694-1671